

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Xiangping QIAN <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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Application No.: 10/552,611	)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Filed: October 6, 2005	)	
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For: COMPOUNDS, COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS	)	Confirmation No.: 6327
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.